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1. AGRATT OFFICE HAS LEARNED THAT SWEDISH CONFEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (LO) WILL MEET ON JUNE 20 TO DISCUSS WHETHER TO SUPPORT AFL-CIO CONSUMER BOYCOTT OF LETTUCE AND GRAPES (GUIDELINE NO. 632). ALL OF THE IMPORTANT SWEDISH FRESH PRODUCE IMPORT GROUPS AND THE SWEDISH FRUIT IMPORTERS ASSOCIATION HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING.

2. POSSIBLE ACTIONS BY LO ARE: (A) REQUEST SWEDISH IMPORTERS TO CEASE IMPORTING NON-EAGLE BRANDED PRODUCE, (B) REQUEST UNIONS TO BACK UP A CONSUMER BOYCOTT; AND (C) ASK THE TRANSPORT AND STORE PERSONNEL UNIONS TO REFUSE HANDLING SUCH LETTUCE AND GRAPES.

3. THERE IS POSSIBILITY ABOVE FIRST TWO ALTERNATIVES MIGHT BE ACCEPTED BUT THEIR ADOPTION PROBABLY WOULDN'T HAVE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON AMERICAN LETTUCE AND GRAPES SINCE TRADE IS UNLIKELY TO COMPLY. THE LAST ALTERNATIVE APPEARS LESS LIKELY TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO LO.

4. U.S. GRAPES ENTER SWEDEN LARGELY DURING TWO-MONTH PERIOD OF MID-DECEMBER TO MID-FEBRUARY, ALSO AMERICAN LETTUCE SHIPMENTS OCCUR

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DURING WINTER MONTHS WHEN SOURCE AVAILABILITITES ARE LIMITED AND

SWEDEN IS DEPENDENT ON IMPORTS. CONSIDERATION OF GRAPE AND LETTUCE
BOYCOTT BY LO IS INTENDED PRIMARILY TO SHOW SYMPATHY FOR AFL-CIO
AND ITS RESOLUTION. STRAUZ-HUPE

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